

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2014

The meeting of the Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission was called to order in the Council Room at 8:32 am on January 13, 2014 by Chairman Howard Rutledge. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were present.

ATTENDANCE: Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission members present were Howard Rutledge, Peter Herres, Vicki Fox, Scott Nichols and Robert McCarthy. Also present were Borough Manager Daniel K Strausser and Water & Sewer Clerk Teresa Marshall.

MINUTES: The minutes from December 9, 2013 were approved as written. Motion was made by Peter Herres and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Nichols.

COMMENT PERIOD: There were none.

EMERALD ASH BORER MEETING: Kendra McMillin will hold a county wide meeting in the music room of the old high school at 7:00 pm on January 15, 2014. They will set up a county wide plan on protecting the ash trees and solutions.

McDONALDS PROJECT: A motion was made by Peter Herres that the current plan does not meet the 50% shade area for the parking area within 15 years. They would like to see that the requirement be met. Vicki Fox 2<sup>nd</sup>.

PERMITS: There were none.

SPRING PLANTING: There is a budget for 20 trees. We will need to order soon. It was asked of the Commission members to identify areas for planting. Robert McCarthy reported that WECO will be bidding out areas of town for trimming.

LITTLE LEAGUE PARKING LOT: Peter Herres reported that they have applied for a grant for the application of a permeable parking lot as a demonstrative project from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. There are 26 trees that will be coming down because of the state of decline they are in. Scott Bray will be involved also as engineer. They are also looking at planting trees in the grove area.

WOODLAND PARK HAZARDOUS TREES: There have been 20 trees in the wooded area of the park that will be coming down. The Department of Forestry will be felling the trees and the Borough will be cleaning up.

FIREMAN'S ANNEX LOT: There were trees removed from the Dunham parking lot. A call will be placed to Lonnie Campbell about replacing or planting trees.

LAUREL HEALTH PARKING LOT: This parking lot is where the old Rectory used to be. A motion was made by Peter Herres that after looking over the planting plan that a different species be used in place of the

Cleveland Selects and to add two trees on the Grant Street side. Robert McCarthy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. It was suggested the maybe they could replace the Cleveland Selects with Red Sunset.

OTHER BUSINESS: Borough Manager Daniel K Strausser made a call to Shawn at Penn Wells Lodge to remind them that they needed to get the trees down as promised. They will take them down.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned by Peter Herres and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki Fox at 9:16 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by *Teresa Marshall*  
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